

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A ballistic resistant pad for use in protective textile or the like, said pad comprising one or more sheets of high-strength fibers, and a plurality of elongated metal elements, said metal elements being attached to at least one of said sheets so as to give to said pad a degree of resiliency to come back close to its original form after a local impact.
2. (Original) A pad according to claim 1, wherein said elongated metal elements are steel cords.
3. (Currently amended) A pad according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said elongated metal elements are spread over the surface of the sheet.
4. (Currently amended) A pad according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said elongated metal elements are present in said pad in the form of a fabric of woven or knitted metal elements.
5. (Currently amended) A pad according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said metal elements are attached to all of said sheets.
6. (Currently amended) A pad according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said metal elements are attached to at least one of said sheets by means of stitching.
7. (New) A pad according to claim 2, wherein said elongated metal elements are spread over the surface of the sheet.

8. (New) A pad according to claim 2, wherein said elongated metal elements are present in said pad in the form of a fabric of woven or knitted metal elements.
9. (New) A pad according to claim 3, wherein said elongated metal elements are present in said pad in the form of a fabric of woven or knitted metal elements.
10. (New) A pad according to claim 2, wherein said metal elements are attached to all of said sheets.
11. (New) A pad according to claim 3, wherein said metal elements are attached to all of said sheets.
12. (New) A pad according to claim 4, wherein said metal elements are attached to all of said sheets.
13. (New) A pad according to claim 2, wherein said metal elements are attached to at least one of said sheets by means of stitching.
14. (New) A pad according to claim 3, wherein said metal elements are attached to at least one of said sheets by means of stitching.
15. (New) A pad according to claim 4, wherein said metal elements are attached to at least one of said sheets by means of stitching.
16. (New) A pad according to claim 5, wherein said metal elements are attached to at least one of said sheets by means of stitching.